



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
“DRAFT” State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
July 20, 2017**

State Team Members on Call:

Scott Belton (Proxy-Director Michael Sparks-AL
Department of Forensic Sciences)
Harold Brown (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL
Dept of Human Resources)
Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Thomas Miller,
M.D.- State Health Officer)
Christina Cochran, M.D. (Children’s Hospital)
Reverend Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner James Perdue-AL
Department of Mental Health)
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen)
Brian McVeigh (District Attorney Association)
Mary Murphy (Private Citizen)
Chief Steven Parrish (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)
David Rydzewski, M.D. (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Michael Taylor, M.D. (UAB Dept of Pediatrics,
Child Abuse Pediatrics Division)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)
Lt. Will Wright (Proxy-ALEA Dept of Public Safety)
Bill Yates (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.- Jefferson County
Coroner/Medical Examiner)

Guests/Staff:

Dan Atherton, M.D.
Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff)
Nick Carter (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Joshlynn Edwards (ADPH Staff)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Melanie Lunsford-Johnson (ADPH Staff)
Xuejun Shen (ADPH Staff)

Call to Order

On July 20, 2017, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Department of Public Health conference room 944 in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Bracy reported one vacant seat for the Academy of Family Physicians. Ms. Bracy also welcomed newly appointed members Christina Cochran representing the Pediatric Emergency Specialist position, District Attorney Brian McVeigh (7th Judicial Circuit) representing the District Attorney Association, and Commissioner Lynn Beshear representing the Department of Mental Health.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was present and the minutes for the January 19, 2017 and April 20, 2017 meetings were approved as written.

Operational Updates

ACDRS 2013 Annual Report

Case Status and Team Performance Report

Ms. Bracy provided an overview of the local review process and reported on the team activity and performance for 2013 with a 79% case completion rate of 268 qualifying cases. Year 2014 has a 43% case completion rate with 114 cases completed. Year 2015 has 275 qualifying cases in which 35 have been reviewed.

2017 Biennial Training Conference

The Biennial Training Conference will be held at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach on September 12-14, 2017. The agenda and training details are currently being finalized and that information will be sent out soon.

Teen Driver Safety Summits

Ms. Joshlynn Edwards reported on the locations and dates for the 2017 #UrKeys2Drv events. Ms. Edwards also reported on the number of schools registered for the Selma and Daphne events as well as format of each of these events.

CPS Clinics

Ms. Edwards reported on the child passenger safety clinics held at five fitting stations throughout the state. Eligible families will continue to receive free child restraints and will be provided education on proper installation by CPS technicians. Ms. Edwards also mentioned that CPS certification training will be held in October for interested department staff members.

2017 Final Meeting Date

- Thursday, September 14, 2017
 - Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach

Open Discussion

Ms. Melanie Lunsford-Johnson provided an overview of the new Alabama Violent Death Reporting System and mentioned how the program was seeking out members to join an advisory board. Richard Burleson mentioned how more states are engaging in distributing baby boxes with educational materials. He also reported that no data is available in the US for the effectiveness on the boxes but states distributing the boxes will continue to do a follow-up. Rev. Godfrey inquired about the possibility of getting data where alcohol was involved in child death.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.